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COAL GIVING WAY TO OIL

There are moods in which we count suffering, in the hope that there, at least, we shall find strange peaks and edges of truth. But it turns out to be scene-painting and counterfeiting. The only thing grief has taught me is to know how shallow it is.—Emerson.

GETTING AT THE FACTS

The final stage of Secretary Fisher's investigation of the delegate's complaints and of land conditions here is being reached. This morning Gov. Frear began what promises to be a notable statement. It is a statement of his policies and of the results of those policies.

At the outset one of Delegate Kuhio's complaints against the Frear administration was shaken when the governor was able to show homesteading in at least two important instances about which Attorney Ashford, the delegate's representative, freely admitted he knew nothing.

The investigation throughout has emphasized the fact that the administration has been doing a good deal of which the general public has not been informed. Perhaps that, as much as anything, has encouraged the complaints against the governor to the point where they were laid before the president and the secretary of the interior.

The investigation is steadily getting at the facts, and many of these facts will be new, as their relations to other facts will be new, to many people in Hawaii.

HOW JAPAN RECEIVED KNOX

Secretary Knox's visit to Japan has resulted in the most cordial expressions of appreciation for his mission and its evidence of the sympathy of the United States. From Japan come reports that high officials and the press have praised the United States warmly for sending the secretary of state to the funeral of the emperor.

When the secretary and Mrs. Knox left Tokyo for Yokohama, on their way home, they were bade farewell by many prominent Japanese businessmen and statesmen. The Tokio papers declared that the visit of Secretary Knox was one of the most significant features of the funeral ceremonies.

It is to be noted that all the advance statements, to the effect that Knox's visit would be distasteful to Japan because of his "dollar diplomacy" have been entirely discredited. Not only was the secretary received with all the honors that could be shown him during the period of national mourning, but he was one of the chief speakers at a quiet and rather informal dinner given by American residents of Yokohama, on the night after he left Tokyo. The dinner, according to press dispatches, was attended by several very prominent Japanese as guests.

Responding to a toast the secretary reviewed the accomplishment of the reign just closed, saying Japan's grief, in which those present shared personally, might be assuaged by proud contemplation of the inestimable blessings of the Meiji era, during which the empire had extended and been permanently established. This era was unexcelled by any other chapter of human history, he declared.

The relations of the United States to the marvelous changes in this country in the last sixty years had been intimate, he continued. The Japanese horizon was extended largely "because we urged her to open the door for the ingress of our civilization and the egress of her own," he said. "The empire has been unified and strengthened through a self-sacrificing patriotism which is without historic precedent because such changes were necessary to enable Japan to meet her responsibilities and protect herself against the dangers in the new relations to which the west had invited."

Knox said that when the Meiji emperor was established equal and humane laws, the west looked on with admiration and recognized a determination to advance faithfully to a higher world of civilization. Recalling with satisfaction the special and important part played by the United States in urging Japan to take her proper place and broaden the stage of her world activities he said America was logically prepared to rejoice with Japan in her achievements.

In view of the attacks made in the European press upon Secretary Knox's visit and the dire forebodings of unpleasantness arising in Japan, the very friendly reception accorded Uncle Sam's distinguished representative is new assurance, if any were needed, that America is not losing in the esteem of Nippon.

The passing of the Age of Coal, as it has been called, is foretold in Washington dispatches stating that Secretary Fisher, at the suggestion of the navy department, has withdrawn 37,000 acres of oil land in Elk hills, adjacent to the Midway and McKittrick fields in California, exclusively as a reserve for the navy to furnish it with fuel oil. Geologists say that the tract contains 250,000,000 barrels, or a twenty-five years supply.

Two years ago the navy department made the suggestion of a navy oil reserve to the interior department. Investigations made then by Secretary Ballinger resulted in the new order.

Of the fifty-eight sections in the withdrawn area, 50 per cent. is undisputed public land. Thirty per cent., however, has already been patented to the Southern Pacific railroad and others. The department of justice is now seeking to invalidate six sections patented to the railroad, and suits are anticipated against the others. The remaining 20 per cent. of the area is largely covered by claims of oil operators which will be wiped out if the government wins its suits against the Southern Pacific.

In case the suits result adversely to the government, the lands can be acquired by condemnation. It is explained that the reason for selecting this particular area even with the title disputes is because it is the largest undeveloped compact area that the department has been able to find for the purpose.

The navy department will secure a report from the geological survey as to the best method of operating the land and then will proceed to open oil wells, either through contract or by its own employees.

All torpedo-boat destroyers are now exclusively oil-burners.

The two dreadnaughts, the Nevada and Oklahoma, now under construction, will also burn only oil. The superdreadnaught Pennsylvania, recently authorized, also will burn only oil.

An oil-drilling bureau as an adjunct of the navy department is now a certainty. Should the navy coal investigations in Alaska prove successful, the navy also will have to have a coal mining bureau.

The terrible loss of life among army aviators of the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany within the past two months is such as to call for serious consideration. The facts will probably be found to be that the army men are attempting to fly with far too little technical knowledge of their machines. It is notable that several of the accidents have occurred in testing out untried machines. It may sound brutal to say so, but the testing is a dangerous stage that should be left to the professional aviators and the Wrights and Curtisses who are selling the machines to the American army.

Both the Republican and Democratic leaders here believe that the best form of advertising for their cause is newspaper advertising. Their determination to abandon the use of billboards is based on more than sentiment. It has a business reason,—the reason of result-getting.

To those who are able to read the signs of the times, that decision of the Hilo civic conference, favoring efficiency as the first requisite for a public official, points out the foolishness of depending on political deals to hold the votes of the people forever.

Oscar Straus, Bull Moose candidate for governor of New York, is a versatile chap. He is a merchant, philanthropist and diplomat, and in politics he was a Cleveland Democrat, a McKinley Republican and now a Roosevelt Bull Moose.

Makers of Manila stogies who have struck during the height of the political campaign are "keep within the limit," owing to the high cost of candidates' living.

We fervently hope the trouble in Mexico isn't going to be bad enough to necessitate another session of Congress just now!

It is to be hoped that Col. Roosevelt's voice won't give out until after he has testified in the campaign fund investigation.

Spain is wending an inevitable way toward a republican form of government.

Has it come to Home Rule or civil war in Ireland?

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

SAMUEL PARKER—I expect all Republicans to vote for me—at least I am doing no more than to ask them to do so.

ROBERT CATTON—Why should Scotchmen make any apologies for Burns? Let us thank God for him and say no more.

TED VAUGHN—The fire department wasn't in it with me at that fire on Emma street yesterday. I stuck until somebody turned off the garden hose.

WM. BUSH—I take pleasure in pronouncing Overseer Caldwell a gentleman and a scholar. Work on Kalahele avenue cannot commence too soon to suit us.

FRID W. LAU, physical director of the Y. M. C. A.—There have been so many applications for a morning class in the gymnasium that one will be started as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

E. B. BLANCHARD—At present I am looking at my land here on Maui with the intention of setting it out to pineapples. I suppose it is about time I was going back to Honolulu and beginning that "dago red" probe.

JOHN SMITH—What is all this fuss about securing the use of the schools for neighborhood meetings? There has never been a time when the schoolhouses in Hawaii were not available for popular gatherings, political meetings as well as other. It is the same as it was in the country I came from—the people knew their rights in their property and enjoyed them without anyone daring to say nay.

PERSONALITIES

KIRK B. PORTER and Mrs. Porter have returned from a trip to the mainland, arriving this morning in the Ventura.

MRS. WM. M. LANGTON, publisher of a local weekly, returned from a business and pleasure trip to the mainland in the Oceanic S. S. Ventura this morning.

CHARLES BELLINA is back from a trip to the Coast, where he secured a line on a lot of fine animals. Mr. Bellina returned to the city in the Oceanic liner Ventura.

SENATOR HAYSELDEN of Lahaina has returned after two years' absence. A reception was tendered him by friends and neighbors. Mrs. J. E. Gannon was the hostess.

SECRETARY FISHER will be one of the speakers at the banquet given this evening at the Commercial Club by the Hawaiian Engineers' Association. Governor Frear will also speak. M. BLASCH, manager of Whitney & Marsh, returning from an extended and successful business and pleasure trip to the mainland, was a passenger in the Oceanic liner Ventura. Mrs. Brasch accompanied her husband. Mr. Brasch made extensive purchases at all the Eastern marts.

MISS MILDRED DOW of West High street, who graduated from South Portland High School in the class of 1911, has entered the University of Maine. Miss Dow is the daughter of Herbert M. Dow, formerly of this city, and sister of Miss Abbie M. Dow, a teacher at McKinley High School.

CAPT. AND MRS. W. C. WARLAND celebrate their golden wedding today at the home of their son in Brooklyn, N. Y. Captain Warland is well known in Honolulu, having commanded ships in the Brewer fleet of packets for many years. His home is in Santa Cruz, California where he and his wife will return about the first of November.

E. M. WATSON, one of the best-known attorneys in the Hawaiian Islands, arrived in San Francisco yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he was stricken with partial paralysis while on a business trip. At the Stewart yesterday, where he is registered with Mrs. Watson, it was learned that Watson is slowly recovering and will be able to leave for his home in Honolulu within several weeks. He has many friends in this city.—San Francisco Call, Sept. 22.

FIRE WRECKS HOUSE ON CHRISTLEY LANE

A fire in Christley lane, near Emma street, yesterday afternoon partially destroyed a house belonging to a Chinese named Wong Quon.

When the fire department arrived on the scene the fire was well under way, in spite of the attempts of people living near to put it out. Had a strong wind been blowing at the time considerable damage might have been done, as there are numerous cottages in the immediate vicinity. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is believed to have been due to a defective flue. The house was occupied by Mrs. Ho Fon and another family. All personal property was saved, but the damage to the interior construction was considerable.

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(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent)

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Sept. 29.—Pitcher Bowers of the Field Artillery shut out the First Infantry Sunday afternoon most effectively and the red legs won by a score of 4 to 3.

It was anybody's game all the way as both pitchers were hit quite freely, but the luck broke a bit in favor of Major Cruikshank's braves and when the ninth inning closed there was a plenty doing in the cheering line from the people up near Kau pass.

The game was well fought and had the Infantrymen opened up their batting rally a bit earlier another ending might have come about. Bowers kept the hits well scattered, and except for one throw to the plate by Murray from second that went high over Jacob's head, permitting two scores to come across for the Infantry, no errors of importance were made.

Kidd, the reliable moundsman for the doughboys had one brief period of unsteadiness in the fifth when he walked two men; and, as this was followed by "the longest hit ever seen on the grounds," made by the Artillery catcher, Jacobs, the game was broken up right there.

Jacobs scored easily and before the ball could be relayed even as far as the diamond, Bladen started as usual at short for the Infantry, while fielding honors for the Artillery go to Pastores. That nimble young man, by the way, manages to mix up a lot of good fielding with a rare lot of acrobatics that makes him well worth watching.

The standing to date:

| | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|---------------|-----|------|------|
| 5th Cavalry | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| 1st Infantry | 5 | 3 | .625 |
| 1st Artillery | 3 | 5 | .375 |
| 2d Infantry | 2 | 4 | .333 |

Y. M. C. A. GYM CLASSES TO BEGIN TOMORROW

The fall gymnasium classes of the Y. M. C. A. will start tomorrow night under the direction of physical directors Lau and Johnson, and a large number of members have signified their intention of joining the classes.

The members have been divided into the following classes, Business Men, Seniors, Students, Employed Boys and Juniors. As the Senior class is unusually large, it will be divided into two groups, Senior "A" and Senior "B". The Senior "B" class will meet Tuesday evenings from seven-thirty until eight-thirty, and on Wednesday evenings the Business Men's club will meet from five until six. The schedule for the boys' classes has already been announced.

All members will be given a physical examination and will be required to wear the regulation white gymnasium suit while in the classes. One of the first things that will be organized among the Seniors will be an indoor baseball league, the class being divided into as many teams as possible.

The social committee of the association is planning another open house for the night of October 11 in celebration of the first anniversary of the dedication of the building. This will also be ladies' night. Professor de Graze and other musical talent of the city will furnish the musical part of the program. A big concert and entertainment will be given during the evening.

IN NEW YORK.

"The first thing for me to do," said the fugitive wanted in the great metropolis, "is to disguise myself."

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